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SUBJ: SHAH'S HEIKAL INTERVIEW AND NATIONAL DEFENSE

UNIVERSITY SPEECH.

1. IRANIAN PRESS SEPTEMBER 15 REPORTS SHAH, IN RECENT INTERVIEW WITH EGYPTIAN EDITOR HEIKAL AND SPEECH TO NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY, LAOD HEAVY EMPHASIS ON IRAN'S DETERMINATION TO BUILD UP ITS MILITARY FORCES. SHAH ACKNOWLEDGED TO HEIKAL THAT IRAN WAS SPENDING \$4 BILLION THIS YEAR ON ARMS PRUCHASES AND WOULD PROBABLY SPEND MORE IN YEARS TO COME. SHAH CONTINUED THAT IRAN DOES NOT SEEK ATOMIC WEAPONS BECAUSE OF EXPENSE AND BECAUSE IRAN DOES NOT HAVE MISSILES. HOWEVER, HE NOTED, IF OTHER COUNTIRES IN THE REGION ACQUIRED ATOMIC WEAPONS, "IRAN MUST, BY NECESSITY, HAVE THEM AS WELL." BUT FOR PRESENT IRAN WAS CONCENTRATING ON DEVELOPMENT OF ITS AIR FORCE AND WISHED TO MAKE IT INVINCIBLE.

2. PERSIAN GULF, SHAH PREDICTED, WOULD IN FUTURE BECAME CENTER OF TENSION AND BIG POWER RIVALRY. WHILE STRESSING THEME THAT IRAN WAS ARMING TO PRESERVE ITS INDEPENDENCE ("WEAKNESS WAS TANTAMOUNT TO DEATH") SHAH ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT "OUR AIMS ARE NOT EXPANSIONIST; THEY ARE DIRECTED TOWARDS THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE." IRAN HAD NO WISH TO HAVE

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ANY CLASH WITH ARABS AND BUILDUP WAS NOT AIMED AGAINST ARABS.

3. FULL TEXTS BY POUCH TO NEA/IRN.
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